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MUSIC NOTES.

The Letz Quartet gave its last con-

cert of the season at Acolian Hall

last night. Two numbers only made

C and Brahms's sextet in B flat. In

both compositions Pablo Casals, the

cellist, was an assisting artist, and

John Coriagliano, violinist, accom-

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O'DONOVAN .-- On Tuesday. April 20, at Plewer Hospital, WILLIAM RUDOLF, Borvices at 600 Westchester av., Brook, raday, April 22, at 11 A. M. TRIMLE, MAY, Services CIAMPRILL

FUNERAL CHURCH, B'way, 66th st., and he has facility and undenstand-

FURNER.—ALEXANDER. Services CAMP. a sonata in D minor by Veracini were

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3 1-3e 93.20, off .08; second 4e 85.40. off .70; first 4 1-4s 89.20, off 50; second 4 1-4s 85.60, off .72: 3d 4 1-4s 90.90, off

The opening level of prices showed little change from Tuesday's last. While Steet common was up 3-8, at 101 7-8, Republic lost an equal amount

stock Jumped to #3 1-2. Crucible was off 1 at 240, a new low extra \$5. on the present decline. In the oil group Mex. Pet. was up 11-4 at

The rumor will not down that Lackawanna will ultimately go into a merger with other steel concerns and the buying to-day was said to come from sources close to the management. The move is certainly not in asking this \$5.

J. F. B.—In February, 1919, my rent as a month-to-month tenant. Last September my rent was raised to \$23, and now my landlord advises me that my rent will be \$2 more on May with next month, will be \$5 more, which makes an increase of \$31-3 based on earnings. Lackawanna Do I have to pay this last raise? earned only \$1.02 per share on the! charges and Federal taxes, which left crease,

was selling when the carnings statement was londay. These carnings five months' carnings statement was given out Monday. These carnings were equal to only 9 cents a share, or were equal to only 9 cents a share, or an annual rate of 22 cents a share. Selling that has come into Sinclair is largely of a professional character and is based on financing plans call-ing for the raising of \$50,000.000. There was another raid around noon which carried Baidwin, G. Mirs. and Punta Alarre Sugar to new lots

and Punta Alegre Sugar to new lots on this decline. It was natural that the sugar stocks should be a target for artack in as much as they had held up comparatively well in the breaks of Monday and Tuesday. Those controlling Gen. Mtrs. marketwise seem to be content to let it run its own course and by so doing they are undoubtedly building up an extensive new short account. As far as Baldwin is concerned it has always een a favorite selling medium by

Little new time money is coming into the market. Borrowers are bidding 8 1-2 per cent, for mixed money and 9 per cent, for all industrials. Lending banks are not disposed to put out new lines in this market. Renowals are arran- 1 at these rates for 80 and

CURB IRREGULAR.

Stutz, 700 to 20; Int. Pet., 37 to 8 Boat, 14 to 5; Retail, 15; Simms 21, off MISS PHIPPS TELLS 1 3-4; White, 27 1-2, off 1-4; Amphalt, 82 to 3; Camb., 25 to 7.

10.30 prices heavy. Stutz, 693 to 725; Int. Pet. 37 to 8; Boat. 14 to 15; Phil. Pet., 37 to 8; White, 27 1-4 to Testifies She "Loved Smill Dear-3-4; Simms, 20 to 21; Nip., 10 to 1-2; Steamship, 2 7-8 to 3 1-8; Houston, 95 to 105; Tropical, 19 to 30; Sait Creek, 41 1-2 to 2 1-4; Ryan, 3 1-4 to 3-8; Asphalt, 83 to 84; Sweets, 2 1-4 to

FOREIGN EXCHANGE BASIER. -4; franc checks 16.35, off 18 centimes; lire checks 22.42, off 75; Belgian cables 15.30, off 25; Swiss cables 5.54, up 1; Marks demand .0165, cables .0167, up .0004 cents; Peseta cables 17.35; Stockholm cables, 22.20; U. S. dollars on Canadian demand .9150; Argentine pesos demand 1.023, cables 1.02; Sterling cables, 3.95; Franc cables, 16.33; Lire cables 22.40; Guild-ers demand 37, cables 37.1-8.

Call money, both classes, lending

the programme, Schubert's quintet in and renewing, at 7 per cent. DIVIDRINDS.

Harbison - Walker Refractories Company-Stock dividend of 50 per

in the latter Louis Svecenski, viola, was the sixth player. Each work is cent, on common stock, payable July replote with beauty, but the former 15, subject to ratification by stockcould be shorn of some of its repeti-tions without harm. The playing of act on proposed increase in stock act on proposed increase in stock both was admirable and keenly rel- from \$27,600,000 to \$36,600,000 shed by a large and appreciative ular quarterly dividend of 11-2 pe cent, on common stock was also de clared, payable June

Brunswick-Balke-Collender Company-Rogular quarterly 13-4 per cent. common, payable May 15. Brooklyn Edison Company— Brooklyn Edison Company—Regu-lar quarterly \$2 dividend, payable last night. Of Italian descent, this June 1.

Tobucco Products Corporation young man takes rightful place in the little group of New York players Regular quarterly \$1.50 common dividend, payable May 16.

who are commanding attention by Cotambia Graphophone Factories Conporation of Maryland — Initial quarterly dividend of \$2 a share on their talents. His tone is pleasing ing. Brahme's G minor concerto and preferred stock, payable May 1. Kettogg Switchboard — Regular quarterly 2 per cent. dividend, pay-

COTTON STEADY. May 41.65; July 39.70, up 10; October \$6.55, up 9; December \$5.58, up 12; January 34.70, up 10; March 33.90, up

Robert Windsor has been elected a director of the General Asphalt Company to succeed the late James Lewis

Rake.

Irish banks have raised the minimum discount rate to 7 1-2 per cent, and rate upon deposits to 8 1-2 per cent.

The National Bank of Commerce has been appointed registrar of the common and preferred stock of the Cleveland Automobile Company. The authorized issue of stock is as follows: 14,000 shares preferred stock of \$100 par value and 250,000 shares of common stock of the Bar value.

Answers to Rent Queries: New Laws Explained for Evening World Readers

experience in landlord and tenant cases to answer questions arising under the new laws against rent profiteering. If you are having any difficulty with your landle; d or if you think your rental is being increased unreasonably, state your case briefly to the Rent Editor of The Evening World and an answer will be printed in this column.

1920, to \$45. Now the landlord threat-

ens to raise me to \$50 on May 1, 1920 Answer—Your best plan would be to

refuse, to pay the latest increase and

"J. Y. G.—I wish to know what method a landlord must follow in no-ilfying his tenants of a raise in rent

to take effect May 1. How long a notice

nust he give them? From what date the 25 per cent, to be computed?

Answer-No length of time is speci The law presumes it just for a ord to increase a tenant's rent 5 per cent, over the amount he

a good plan to try it and let him ag matters into court, and there

you could compel him to bring in his

landlord, who after two months raised me \$2. Now he has done a lit-

tle repairing, which he claims cost him \$300, and has raised my rent

o have it settled is to take it up with

raised to \$24, and on April 1 my land-

deserves such a raise by a list of his

PARIS, April 21.-Former Premier

ing Overalla.

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Clubs.

and would not be photographed.

me what to do

your landlord, and if he doesn't

books and accounts to prove he served such an increase.

H. S. C.—I was paying \$15 rent last year and the house was sold to a new

year previous.

Following are the questions and

answers for to-day: J. M. C .-- I was paying my landlord in April of last year \$18, and in that at 105. Lackawanna Steel advanced be tells me I must pay \$5 a month court that he is justified in charging \$1.3-4 to \$2. On subsequent sales the more, beginning on May 1. Please stock jumped to \$3.1-2. tell me whether I have to pay that

Answer-The law presumes an increase of 25 per cent, over what you 185 1-4, but Sinclair was off 1-2 at 37. paid a year previous to be fair and Studebaker was unchanged at 113. in this case the raise is just a Lackawanna Steel continued to little in excess of that percentage, and lead the market and made new high you have it in your power to compel on this move at 84 1-2, up 4 1-4 net, your landlord to prove he is justified

Answer-The law presumes you common during the year 1919 after landlord is justified in asking this in-

a deficit after dividends of \$1,749,152. D. L-I have a lease which expire Bears were still gunning for weak on May 1, and in March my landlord spots, but the market in general gave asked me if I intended to renew. a good account of itself during the told him no because I was building a early trading. There was a lot of house which would be ready by May 1. pressure against Transcontinental He then leased the house to some on Oil and Sinclair, both marking new else, beginning May 1, and I now find lows. Transcontinental at 17 1-2 was that my house will not be ready until off about 6 points from the figure June 15. I have offered to may the tenant until June 15, but he will not

accept. Have I any remedy?

Answer—It is difficult to predict
just how a Judge would decide your If the matter came to eviction pro seings you might get a stay until

June 15.
T. J. G.—In September, 1919. were raised to \$21 and the following November to \$23. During the same month I was given notice to vacate by January 1, 1920, so we moved to the flat below in the same house. Beginning May 1 our rent will be increased from \$30 to \$40. What remedy have 17. The new flat has the come where the other had six five rooms where the other had six

Answer—The law presumes such an increase to be unjust and an oppression. You have the right to withhold payment and compel your landlord to Shell trading acted well, keeping a position above 85. This strength is in response to the stock increa plan which mans valuable rights to shareholders.

Money loaned at 7 per cent, on call, little rew live or the stock increase expires Oct. 1, 1920, and the new owner tells me the remt will then be \$75.

Inder the new law, can he make this unjust. The burden is upon him prove in court that he is justified asking that much of an increase.

S. J. E.—I have an epartment, and in April, 1919, my rent was \$33. On May 1, 1919, it was raised to \$36; in

November, 1919, to \$43; in February,

CLEMENCEAU BACK IN PARIS. OF ROMANCE IN HER Returns From a Two Months! Visit \$50,000 LOVE SUIT in Egypt.

ly"-Aunt on the Wit-

31; Carib. 26 to 27; Maracalbo, 20 to of Miss Lillian Phipps of Teaneck.
31; Merritt, 17 1-2 to 18 1-4; Prod. and Refrs., 8 1-4 to 2-8; Retail Candy.
31; Merritt, 17 1-2 to 18 1-4; Prod. and Refrs., 8 1-4 to 15 1-4; T. P. Exp., 14 to 17.

The Bergen County Circuit Court the Bergen County Circuit Court at Hackensack to-day. This suit Demand sterling opened 3.941-4, off \$3,650 a few weeks ago, but Miss was virtually settled out of court for Phipps's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Irving S. Van Loan, with whom she lives, refused to promise they would not sue Smith, who, they said, J. C. Brogan, who is also paster of asserted they conspired in the suit to get his money. So the settlement was

Miss Phipps, who is twenty-on years old, testified that she was be trayed by Smith under his promise to marry her, and that she became eriously ill as a result.

"I loved him dearly, and when he neglected to call on me I wrote to ask him why," said Miss Phipps, weeping. "He even refuses to tell my uncle and aunt why he broke off our engagement or tell who had told im things concerning us,' Mrs. Irving S. Van Loan, an attrac tive matron, told how her nices was niroduced to Smith and of the swift ourtship and engagement.

CZECHO-SLOVAK ELECTION.

ocial Democrats Lend in the House of Representatives.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—The re-ults of the elections of Sunday and Monday for the House of Represents lives of Czecho-Slovakia are announce cable despatches received by 'xecho-Slovak legation here. They show that the Social Democrats lead in th Bohemian, Siovakian and German is

tembers, National Agrarians 42, Cheri-nis 32, National Democrats 14, So-lailists 32, Fusionists 8, and Tradesman Of the 300 seats in the House, the scults for 95 are still in doubt. Elec-ons for the Senate will be held next

CLAIMS LOSS ON WHEAT.

Kansas Farmers Declare The Make Nothing on Crop.

TOPEKA, Kas., April 21.-Kansa wheat growers raised their 1918 whea crop at an average loss of 43 cents a acre, J. C. Mohler, Secretary of the Stat Board of Agriculture, announced to-da in a report compiled from questionnaire returned by 3,040 farmers on 491,06

Denim and Gingham for Weddin Garb.

ST. LOUIS, April 21 .- Frank L. Coldw and Lillian Traves will start wedde life protesting against the high cost of

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oung Eastern society girl, is broke and de-trest cattle reach in the West. She goes I a furman, which she does by the simple p-trest to draw. Hepburn wins the draw-

CHAPTER IL.

66T PONT suppose women out here do smoke, do they? "No. ma'am; not much."

"And you men? You men who drink and smoke don't want the women to enjoy the same privilege?" That appears about it."

She did not answer. He rose and looked down upon her. One tendril per cent. In less than's year. Can he put me out if I refuse to pay any more than 25 per cent.? Answer: Most likely not. It would of her golden hair, like silk in texture, caressed her fine-grained check, delicately contrasted against its alluring color. He would have liked to press it closer to the skin with his fingers . . , quite gently. But he

"I guess you and I don't understand each other very well, and if we don't, it ain't any use in our talking further. As for advisin' you about

Jane blew on her ash I just tried to show you how to start right, according to my notion, and if it made you mad I'm sorry.
"After all it don't make so much difference what other folks think of us. It's what we think of ourselves that counts most, but none of us can clear away from the other hom-

Answer: It would hardly seem fair That twinkle crept back into his eyes. Her little frame fairly bristled independence and self-sufficiency; it was in the pert set of her head, the poise of her square shoulders languid swinging of one small foot "I think that you think a lot of yourself, ma'am. That's more 'n most folks can say." LAURENCE A .- On April 1, 1919.

"I'm glad to have your opinion on the proportions of my job," she said briefly, "and for that I am glad that lord notified me my rental would be \$29 on May 1, thus giving me a raise of about 80 per cent. Kindly advise oblique rebuke could not be

Answer: The law presumes such in increase to be unfair and unjust, misunderstood. "I'm complimented," he replied, and and the burden is upon the landlord although she looked frankly and im-to prove that he is fair in making personally up at him, she had a quick such an enormous infrease. Your fear that despite her assurance this best plan would be to refuse pay- man was leaving her with a strange feeling of inferiority, and when he went through the doorway into the ment, compel your landlord to bring ou into court and there call upon went through the doorway into the im to show a list of his expenses to night she was quite certain he was smiling merrily

FRANK H.—A year ago I was pay-ing \$18 a month, and last May was raised to \$16 a month; it was again increased in October and last month footsteps dwindled, then turned to the wood. Her fingers encountered some-thing which she picked up and exam-ined, at first abstractedly. It was a bit of straw, the one Beck had rewe received a notice it would be in-creased to \$23 a month. Shall we Answer: The increase is presumed fused, and, which drawn, would have to be unfair and unjust by the new rent laws. If you cannot come to an made him her right hand man. She moved toward the fire to toss it into agreement with your landlord your best plan would be to refuse pay-ment and compel him to prove that he the flames; checked herself and stead, put it between the covers of

stead, but it between the overs of a book which lay handy. She stood on the stone hearth thinking of what he had said, ciga-reste smoke curing up her smail hand and delicate wrist. The offend-ed feeling subsided and, wonderingly, she tried to restimulate it; the senshe tried to restimulate it; the sen den she felt small and weak and of

So he doubted, even, that she could Georges Clemenceau, who has been vis- be herself!

iting Egypt for the last two months, arrived here this morning. He was aiert and smiling, but avoided interviewers are smiling, but avoided interviewers and smiling, but avoided interviewers and smiling, but avoided interviewers and would not be photographed.

He was met at the station by his brother, Afbert, his daughter, Mine. Jacquemaire, and his grandchildren. brother, Albert, his daughter, Mme. that it was almost weary she dropped the unlighted cigarette after it. among them being Capt. Andre Tardieu, Louis Loucheur and Georges Ley-gues. He left the station in an auto-mobile, a large crowd cheering as he

the unlighted cigarette after it. Slight as was the gesture there was in it something of finality.

The coals were digmed with ash before she moved to walk slowly to the window and look out. Kansas Mayor Inaugurated Wear- the window and look out. It cold and still.

cold and still.

A movement among the cottonwoods attracted her. A man was
walking there, slowly, as one on patrol. She watched him go the length
of the row of trees; then followed his
slow progress back, saw him stand
watching the house a moment before EMPORIA, Kan., April 21 .- Mayor Grace Methodist Church here, was inaugutated wearing overalls yesterday. The ceremony, which took place in watching the house a moment before he moved on toward the bunkhouse front of the City Hall, was preceded She lay awake for hours that night, partly from a helpless rage and, later, a rafe thrill a hope, perhaps, ciethen. Women in gingham, a few later, a rare thrill a hop wearing overalls, took part in the kept sleep from her mind.

about June-we can get along. The

for the other, there's a chance

"He's settled that for himself, guess. He was purkin his war bas when I come down hore. I tell him to come to the house for his time."

who eved her sharply, replied

"You mean he's leaving?" Hepturn nodded. "Why?"

66 OW about the men, Mess Hunter," said Hepburn. SANDUSKY, O., April 21 .- Con-When he reached this subtending that "overall clubs for the ject he looked through the most part are composed of men who window far down the creek and can afford better apparel," the had June known him better she Trades and Labor Assembly in resolutions requests the public to "conserve denim in the interest of the laboring man." The workers say that since the formation of overall clubs the price has advanced from \$3.50 to might have seen hesitancy with his deliberation, as though he approached the subject reluctantly. "How many will you need?" she asked.

fewer the better."

"Not many yet. Four besides my self. There's seven here now. That Oregon Governor Joins Overalls is, there'll be six, because one is pullin' out this mornin' of his own Club. accord. We'll need more when the

SALEM, Ore., April 21.-The name of Gov. Ben W. Olcott was included among signatures to a pledge circu- round-up starts, but until thented to-day among officials and emdoyees at the State Capitol Building to buy no new outer garments ther than overalls, until next No-

tah Workers Will Don Denim Suits.

OGDEN, Utah, April 21.-Men and vomen employed by many of the arge companies here have donned veralls and gingham dresses, includng clerks in the railroad offices and choose because e power company's offices.

Gradoates.

EL PASO, Tex., April 31.—The enior class of the El Paso High School decided at a session described is "stormy" to wear overalls and ingham gowns at the graduating ex-

"What trouble?"
"Why, principally because he beat -Sam McKee-on the beef ide last fall.

"What for?"
"Well . nan was a little rough with his horse.'

"And he whipped him because he had abused a horse? That, it seems hand. to me, isn't much against him."
"No; maybe not. He beat him a sight worse than he beat his horse." he explained, moving uneasily, "Anyhow, he's settled that. Here he comes gesture of warning,

now, after his time. Jane stepped nearer the window, stopped with a creak, as of relief seek approached, whistling softly. "Just foller on down and swing to the wore leather chaps with a leather fringe and great, silver conchos. A the State boundary," Beck heard Beck approached, whistling softly. He were leather chaps with a leather fringe and great, silver conchos. A revolver swung at his hip. His move- Hepburn say.

"I've come for my time, ma'am," he

"Won't you come in? Maybe you're or going to go just yet." He entered and she thought that as he glanced at Hepburn, who did lenly and swung a worn quirt against not look up, his eyes danced with a her boot.

They rode on after their horses.

"I don't know as I can stay, ma'am, I told your foreman a little while ago "They're a bad lot that I'd be going. Somebody's got to go, and it may as well be one as Utah." Dud repiled.

"Don't you think my wishes should The girl didn't seem to think they consulted?" she asked. was going so very far."

He twirled his hat, looking at her The other made no answer and

be consulted?" she asked.

He twirled his hat, looking at her

more trouble than's necessary."

"But if I want you and Mr. Hepburn wants you, where is the chance for trouble? You do want him, don't first things I'd do if I were foremed of the control of the contro

we might as well part was because has got, but without water it's worts-I figured you'd be discontented here." less. Nesters are comin' in, which

Her enthusiasm ebbed and looked at him, clearly troubled. "I am not urging you to stay be-cause I need one more man. It is essential to have men I can trust. I her," he said sufficily, and stirred in

She flushed ever so slightly at the She flushed ever so slightly at the indefinable change in his eyes.

"You told me last night some of the things I must do, which I can't do wholly alone, I should like very much to have you stay,"—ending "Well, you had your change to be "Well, you had your change to be with a girlish simplicity quite unlike foreman; why didn't you fake it?

"Maybe my advice and help ain't what you'd call good," he said. "In the first place I wasn't crasy wid to stay with this outfit, 'cause when I lift my nose in the air and sone," she said, "and I came to the conclusion that it was good advice." Her eyes remained on his, splendidly frank.

"In the first place I wasn't crasy wid to stay with this outfit, 'cause when I lift my nose in the air and sniff real careful, I can smell a lot of hell coming this way, and I'm a mighty meek and peaceful citizen.

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"Some of us are apt to be discon-certed when we listen to new things; and, again, when we know that they come sincercity and our pride quits."

Hepburn smiled. come sincerely and our pride quits hurting we're inclined, perhaps, to ake a new point of view. I have, on why don't about my His face sobered in the rare way had and he said:

Hepburn had watched them closely, not understanding, and in his usually amiable face was a cunning specula-

"I wouldn't ask you to take a "That will be largely up to you hance against your better judgment Of course, I will be consulted." If you must move on, I'm sorry. But "I guess we'll keep Curtis and Oliver. Then there's Two-Bits—"
"Oh, keep Two-Bits by all means!"
she laughed. "I'm in love with him
already!" I need you."

With those three words she had stayed on becaused: I need you. But in them was she meant it plea, frank, unabashed, and her fanoied the job. "All right, we'll keep Two-Bits. As yes were filled with it and as he stood looking down at his hat, evi-dently undecided, she lifted one hand in appeal and spoke again in a tone I like to help her sort if I can. choose because
"Beck; how about him?"
Her manner was a bit too ensual
and she folded a sheet of memoranda
with minute care before her foreman,

that was low and sweet:
"Won't you, please?"
He nodded and said:
"I'll stay."

so gald!" she cried. "And n're giad, aren't you. Mr. Hep-The foreman had watched closely.

meant, but not knowing what had gone before, he was mystified.

"Now we can start doing business.

Torn, Miss Hunter wants a home says she can ride and wants the beat we've got, right off, to-day. There's that bunch that's been ranging in Little Pinion all winter. Guess we'd better bring 'em down this forenees

and let her pick one."
They departed. They had little to say to one another in the bours if required to gather the horses and bring them down, but when they were within sight of the corrais Hepburn began to speak as though what he had to say was the result of careful deliberation. ful deliberation.

'I don't want us to have any misunderstandin, Tom. This morning don't want any man in the outsi who'd rather be somewhere else, as long as I'm runnin' it." He shifted his weight in the suddle and glaused at Beck, who rode looking straight ahead. "Course, you and I ain been pals, I've thought, sometime you didn't just like me"— "I s'pose she'il want a gentie orse," the other broke in.

We can get along"—
"Look at this outfit!" Beck inferrupted again, this time with better reason

ceason.

Around the bend in the road appeared a queer cavalcade. It was headed by a pair of ancient mules trawing a covered wagon, on the ceast of which sat a scrawny, discouraged man with drooping lids, moustache and shoulders. To the wagon were tied three old mares and behind them trailed a half dozen colts, ranging from one only a few weeks old to a trailed a half dozen colts, ranging from one only a few weeks old to a

"Is he a good worker?"
"If he wants to be. He don't say much, but he always ... Why, he always seems to be laughin' at everybody and everything."

everybody and everything."

everybody and everything."

by a girl, riding a big brown borse. She was young, and yet her factors. She was young, and yet her factors. want to work for me,"

"Perhaps. But then, too, he's hot tempered. In kind of bad with some of the boys over trouble he's had."

"What trouble?"

"What trouble?"

She was young, and young are young was strangely mature. She wore that the worse for wear, a red shirt open at the throat, a riding stort an dusty boots. She was slouched easy to be seed to ily in the saddle, as one who ha

horses from entering a draw w opened on the road just where they opened on the road just where they
must pass and as he slowed to a
walk and looked back he saw Hepburn making a movement of one
hand. That hand was just dropping
to the fork of his saddle but—and he
knew that this may have been purely
a product of his imagination—ha
thought that it had been lifted in a

The foreman halted and the wagon

ments were easy and graceful. She opened the door and, seeing her, he removed his hat.

The wagon started again and Dad joined him.
"Goin' some place?" Tom asked.

"Goin' some place?" Tom asked.
"Utah. He was askin' the way." Just then the girl came within came

talking distance.
"Goin' far?" Tom asked .
"Not so fur," the other replied sul-

"Nesters," Beck commented grimly,
"They're a bad lot to see comin' in.
"Thank God, they're headed for "Yeah. Utah's a long ways, though

He twirled his hat, nowang with a half smile.

"This is your outfit, ma'am. I should think your wishes ought to go, but it won't do for you to start in with it won't do for you to start in with it won't do for you to start in with for the H C to have. . . Unless it's an honest neighbor."

"Well, thy're goin' into Utah," Dad

"What's that?"

ess you, Miss Hunter, yes! "Take up the water in Devil's Hole."
Tom, the only reason I thought That's the best early feed this outsi Nesters are comen' in, I worry me, if I was for I figured you'd be discontented here."
"Now! You see, your employer wants you and your foreman wants you. What more can you ask?" the girl exclaimed, facing Beck.
"Nothin' much, of course, unless what I think about it might matter."
Her enthusiasm ebbed and she looked at him clearly troubled. ears, as if struggling to control his

can trust you. I need you. I . . . his saddle.
I'm quite alone, you know, and I have decided to stay . . . if I can you know what I'd do? I'd let the foreman do the worryin." foreman do the worryin'."

Beck scratched his chin with a con-

Beck pendered a morn

"You passed it up, though. Now, why don't you pass up worryin' Beck did not reply at once, but "You're right. I passed it up, but there's something that won't let me

pass up the worry. "You know what that is,"-nodd! her tell me she needed good men she could trust, and t

"I've got a notion that make

why I may do more 'n an ordi hand's share of worryin'. 'You know, somebody's got to, significantly. "What's meant by that, Beck?" Da asked after a moment and the grit in his tone told the insinuation had

not missed its mark. "If it was so awful hard for you to guess. Hepfurn, I don't think you'd get on the peck so easy. I mean that since she's asked me to try and work." "Why?"
Well, I guess his nose is out of light at not bein picked for foreman.

"But he wouldn't even draw. Said he wouldn't take a chance!"
"I know. He appeared not to give a hang for the job, but He's a funny at has signed a decree reducing the a hang for the job, but He's a funny and said:

"Why?"
"Well, I guess his nose is out of her question he forced a show of heavy enthusiasm and said:
"But he wouldn't take a chance!"
"But he wouldn't take a chance!"
"I know. He appeared not to give that haif humarous smile, he rose and my heart.

"I know. He appeared not to give that haif humarous smile, he rose and said:

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